

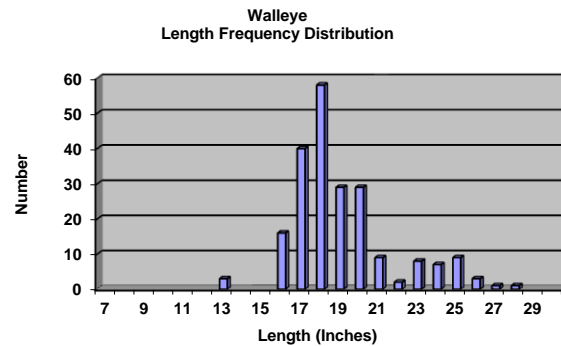


**WISCONSIN DNR
FISHERIES INFORMATION SHEET
OTTER LAKE, CHIPPEWA COUNTY, 2014**

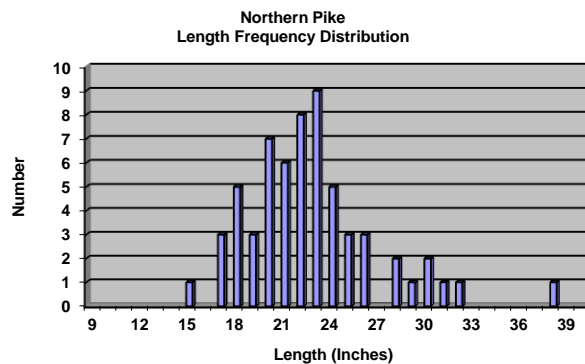
The WDNR conducted a fisheries assessment of Otter Lake, Chippewa County, from April 23, 2014 to April 26, 2014. Otter Lake is a 661 acre drainage lake in Otter Creek basin and has a maximum depth of 43 feet. The fishery includes panfish, largemouth bass, northern pike and walleye. Otter Lake was estimated to contain 1692 adult walleye or 2.6 per acre.



Walleye	
Total Captured	215
Avg. Length (in.)	19.0
Length Range (in.)	13-28
% >15"	98.6%



Northern Pike	
Total Captured	61
Avg. Length (in.)	22.6
Length Range (in.)	15-38
% >26"	18%



Other Species

Other species observed but not included in this report were largemouth bass, black crappie, black bullhead, bluegill, central mudminnow, golden shiner, pumpkinseed, tadpole madtom, white sucker, yellow perch, and yellow bullhead.

We are also conducting a creel (angler harvest) survey on Otter Lake this year. Creel clerk Rob Hanson will count and interview anglers and examine their catch throughout the fishing season.

Stocking History

Year	Species	Number Fish Stocked	Avg Fish Length (IN)
2013	WALLEYE	6,610	7
2012	WALLEYE	1,500	6
2011	WALLEYE	23,129	2
2010	WALLEYE	1,500	6
2009	WALLEYE	23,176	2
2005	WALLEYE	67,465	2
2005	WALLEYE	100,000	FRY
2003	WALLEYE	33,000	2

A brief summary of selected fishing regulations is included below. While the regulatory information provided was current at the time the surveys were conducted, it is not comprehensive and should not be used as a substitute for the current fishing regulation pamphlet. You may obtain a copy of current fishing regulations when you purchase your fishing license, or download a copy from our web site at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/fishing/regulations/>

General Fishing Regulations for Otter Lake, Chippewa County, 2014

FISH SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	DAILY LIMIT	MINIMUM LENGTH
Walleye	May 03-March 01	5	15" MINIMUM
Largemouth and Smallmouth Bass	May 03-March 01	5	14" MINIMUM
Muskellunge	May 24-November 30	1	40" MINIMUM
Northern Pike	May 03-March 01	5	NO MINIMUM

This report is interim only; data and findings should not be considered final. Results of creel surveys should be available by June of the year following the survey. If you are interested in a summary of the creel survey or want an update on this year's fyke netting and electrofishing survey results contact:

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To access other northern Wisconsin fisheries surveys go to:
<http://dnr.wi.gov> and search Ceded Territory Fisheries Reports.

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